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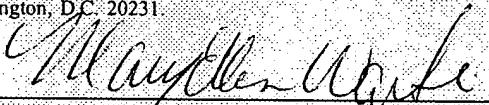
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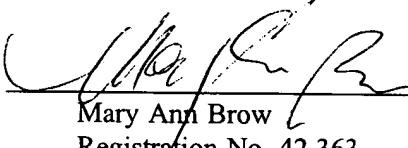
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The following printed publications are referred to in the body of the specification:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,472,672 to Bennan on 12/5/95
- U.S. Patent No. 5,368,823 to McGraw *et al.* on 11/29/94
- U.S. Patent No. 5,935,527 to Andrus *et al.* on 8/10/99
- U.S. Patent No. 5,865,224 to Ally *et al.* on 2/2/99
- WO99/65602

The following references were identified in a search provided by World Patent Services, Inc., Arlington VA. Primary Examiner Jill Warden was consulted by Rick Jordan of WPS for Class verification and suggested Class 422, subclasses 63, 64, 65, 67, 81, 100, 102,

104, 129, 130, 131, 134, 188 and 189. Computer searching using the EAST system was also conducted to include the EPO and JPO collection.

- U.S. Patent No. 6,280,950 ;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,270,730 ;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,264,891 ;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,126,904 ;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,171,555;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,150,102;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,096,276;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,045,755;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,792,430;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,770,157;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,580,523;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,443,791;
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0022950;
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0007644;
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0001035; and
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0000723.

Applicants have become aware of the following printed publications which may be material to the examination of this application:

- U.S. Patent No. 3,917,455;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,353,989;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,483,964;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,517,338;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,598,045;
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- U.S. Patent No. 4,744,037;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,837,159;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,053,454;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,112,575;

- U.S. Patent No. 5,262,530;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,298,259;
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- U.S. Patent No. 5,462,748;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,466,608;
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- U.S. Patent No. 5,762,881;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,789,162;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,874,554;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,885,837;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,981,733;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,057,424;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,165,717;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,175,006;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,177,554;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,225,061;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,329,210;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,401,796;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,689,405;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,734,363;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,950,745;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,047,524;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,112,962;
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- U.S. Patent No. 5,149,798;
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- U.S. Patent No. 5,723,599;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,726,300;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,736,626;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,789,162;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,821,058;
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- User's Manual ABI 3900 High Throughput DNA Synthesizer, Applied Biosystems (2001)

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	3	5,935,527	8/10/99	Andrus <i>et al.</i>	422	131	4/29/93
	4	5,865,224	2/2/99	Ally <i>et al.</i>	141	130	12/20/96
	5	6,280,950	8/28/01	Lipshutz <i>et al.</i>	435	6	10/28/99
	6	6,270,730	8/7/01	McLuen <i>et al.</i>	422	131	6/16/98
	7	6,264,891	7/24/01	Heyneker <i>et al.</i>	422	64	5/18/99
	8	6,126,904	10/3/00	Zuellig <i>et al.</i>	422	130	9/5/97
	9	6,171,555	1/9/01	Cargill <i>et al.</i>	422	104	3/6/98
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	19	6,057,424	5/2/00	Vail, III	530	333	3/24/97
	20	5,981,733	11/9/99	Gamble <i>et al.</i>	536	25.3	9/16/96
	21	5,885,837	3/23/99	Winkler <i>et al.</i>	435	91.1	10/23/96
	22	5,840,841	11/24/98	Zuckermann <i>et al.</i>	530	338	5/8/97
	23	5,541,314	7/30/96	McGraw <i>et al.</i>	536	25.31	8/2/94
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	25	5,462,748	10/31/95	Lloyd <i>et al.</i>	424	484	1/14/94
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	27	5,262,530	11/16/93	Andrus <i>et al.</i>	536	25.31	7/27/90
	28	5,153,319	10/6/92	Caruthers <i>et al.</i>	536	27	3/31/86
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	30	5,112,575	5/12/91	Whitehouse <i>et al.</i>	422	116	2/14/91
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	32	4,744,037	5/10/88	Niina <i>et al.</i>	364	497	7/15/85
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	40	5,723,599	3/3/98	Klem <i>et al.</i>	536	25.3	3/22/95
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	68	4,401,796	8/30/83	Itakura	535	340	4/30/81
	69	3,917,455	11/4/75	Bak <i>et al.</i>	23	253	5/10/74
	70	4,837,159	6/6/89	Yamada	436	45	9/17/85
	71	5,503,805	4/2/96	Sugarman <i>et al.</i>	422	131	11/2/93
	72	5,437,979	8/1/95	Rampal <i>et al.</i>	435	6	8/24/92
	73	5,762,881	6/9/98	Harness <i>et al.</i>	422	132	10/29/96
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	77	2001/0007644	7/12/01	McLuen <i>et al.</i>	422	131	12/19/00
	78	2001/0001035	5/10/01	McLuen <i>et al.</i>	422	100	12/19/00
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	81	WO 00/56445	28 Sept. 00					
	82	WO 91/13084	5 Sept. 91					
	83	WO 98/36829	27 Aug. 98					
	84	WO 98/39099	11 Sept. 98					
	85	WO 98/57181	17 Dec. 98					
	86	WO 98/10857	19 Mar. 98					

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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Y	US 5,503,805 A (SUGARMAN et al.) 02 April 1996, see entire document.	1-25
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